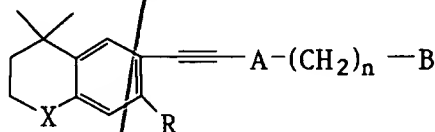


WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A compound of the formula



where X is S, O, or NR' where R' is hydrogen or lower alkyl; R is hydrogen or lower alkyl; A is pyridyl, thienyl, furyl, pyridazinyl, pyrimidinyl or pyrazinyl; n is 0-2; and B is H, -COOH or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ester or amide thereof, -CH₂OH or an ether or ester derivative, or -CHO or an acetal derivative, or -COR₁ or a ketal derivative where R₁ is -(CH₂)_mCH₃ where m is 0-4, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

2. A compound of claim 1 where X is S, R is hydrogen, A is pyridyl, thienyl or furyl and n is 0 or 1.

3. A compound of claim 2 where A is pyridyl and B is -COOH or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, lower alkyl ester or mono- or di-lower alkyl amide thereof.

4. A compound of claim 3 which is ethyl 6-[2-(4,4-dimethylthiochroman-6-yl)ethynyl]nicotinate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

5. A compound of claim 3 which is 6-(2-(4,4-dimethylthiochroman-6-yl)-ethynyl)nicotinic acid or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

6. A compound of claim 2 where B is -CH₂OH or a lower alkyl ether or lower alkyl acid ester thereof.

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2 7. A compound of claim 6 which is
3 6-(2-(4,4-dimethylthiochroman-6-yl)-ethynyl)-3-pyridylmethanol,
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5 8. A compound of claim ² where B is -CHO or an acetal
6 derivative thereof.
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8 9. A compound of claim 8 which is
9 2-(2-(4,4-dimethylthiochroman-6-yl)-ethynyl)-5-pyridinecarboxalde-
10 hyde.
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12 10. A compound of claim ² where A is theinyl.
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14 11. A compound of claim ¹⁰ which is ethyl
15 5-[2-(4,4-dimethylthiochroman-6-yl)ethynyl]thienyl-2-carboxylate.
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17 12. A compound of claim ¹ where X is S, R is lower alkyl, A is
18 pyridyl, thienyl or furaryl and n is 0 or 1.
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20 ¹¹ ~~13~~ A compound of claim ¹⁰ ~~12~~ which is 6-(2-(4,4,7-trimethylthio-
21 chroman-6-yl)ethynyl)nicotinic acid or a pharmaceutically acceptable
22 salt thereof.
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24 14. A compound of claim ¹ where X is O, R is hydrogen, A is
25 pyridyl, thienyl or furyl and n is 0 or 1.
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27 ¹³ ~~15~~ A compound of claim ¹² ~~14~~ where ~~A is pyridyl~~, B is -COOH or a
28 pharmaceutically acceptable salt, lower alkyl ester or mono- or di-low-
29 er alkyl amide thereof.
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31 16. A compound of claim ¹⁵ which is

1 6-[2-(4,4-dimethylchroman-6-yl)ethynyl]nicotinic acid or a
2 pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

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4 17. A compound of claim 15 which is ethyl
5 6-[2-(4,4-dimethylchroman-6-yl)ethynyl]nicotinate or a
6 pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

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9 18. A compound of claim 14 where B is -CH₂OH or a lower alkyl
10 ether or lower alkyl acid ester thereof.

11 19. A compound of claim 14 where B is -CHO or an acetal
12 derivative thereof.

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14 20. A compound of claim 1 where X is NR', R' is hydrogen or
15 lower alkyl; R is hydrogen, A is pyridyl, thienyl or furyl and n is 0 or 1.

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17 21. A compound of claim 20 where A is pyridyl, B is -COOH or a
18 pharmaceutically acceptable salt, lower alkyl ester or mono- or di-low-
19 er alkyl amide thereof.

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21 22. A compound of claim 21 which is 6-[2-(4,4-dimethyl-
22 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolin-6-yl)ethynyl]nicotinic acid or a
23 pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

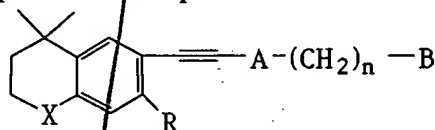
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25 22. A compound of claim 21 which is ethyl 6-[2-(4,4-dimethyl-
26 1m2m3m4-tetrahydroquinolin-6-yl)ethynyl]nicotinate or a
27 pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

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29 23. A compound of claim 20 where B is -CH₂OH or a lower alkyl
30 ether or lower alkyl acid ester thereof.

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24. A compound of claim 20 where B is -CHO or an acetal derivative thereof.

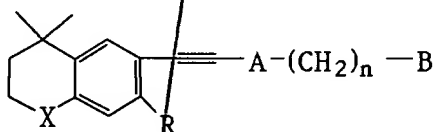
25. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient and a compound of the formula



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26. A composition according to claim 25 useful for treating psoriasis in a mammal.

27. A method for treating psoriasis in a mammal which method comprises administering alone or in conjunction with a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient, a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of the formula



where X is S, O, or NR' where R' is hydrogen or lower alkyl; R is hydrogen or lower alkyl; A is pyridyl, thienyl, furyl, pyridazinyl, pyrimidinyl or pyrazinyl; n is 0-2; and B is H, -COOH or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ester or amide thereof, -CH₂OH or an ether or ester derivative, or -CHO or an acetal derivative, or -COR₁ or a ketal derivative where R₁ is -(CH₂)_mCH₃ where m is 0-4, or a

¹ pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

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